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## TAKING EVIDENCE.

IN THE CONTEST FOR TWO SEATS IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Wilson and Anderson the Commissioners to Take the Evidence.—Attorneys for Contestee Contend That Notice of Contest Was Not Filled Within the Legal Time.

The taking of evidence in the contested election cases in this county began Monday morning. The evidence is being taken in the contest of W. S. Clanton vs. J. Sol Reid, and M. B. Williamson vs. H. M. Ransom. Messrs. Ransom and Reid being the sitting members of the General Assembly from Mecklenburg county.

Messrs. John A. Anderson and J. H. Wilson have been appointed commissioners to take the evidence.

The attorneys for the contestee contended that notice of contest had not been given within the time required by law.

The attorneys for the contestants filed their notice of contest, and the attorneys for the contestee filed their objection.

The grounds of objection were that the commissioners had no power or authority to take depositions in this contest to be heard before the general assembly, inasmuch as their appointment is irregular and that they have no power to take evidence to be read before a court, and that notice was served on the wrong party.

Messrs. W. R. Henry, George F. Bason and J. M. Moody are the attorneys for the contestants, and Messrs. C. H. Duls, J. D. McCall and J. W. Keenan are attorneys for the contestee.

Clerk of the Court J. M. Morrow was the first witness introduced by the contestee; he was sworn in, but before the examination began an adjournment of an hour was taken.

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## KEPT A "FENCE."

R. GOODMAN BOUND OVER FOR CONCEALING STOLEN GOODS.

Was Buying Southern Railroad "Brasses," and Shipping Them to Richmond—Plunder Found Concealed in His Shop.

R. Goodman, who keeps a gun and locksmith shop at 25 North College street, is in serious trouble. He was tried before Mayor Wednesday morning for keeping a "fence," receiving and concealing stolen goods.

For sometime the Southern railway people have been missing what they know as "brasses." These were stolen from the railroad yards. The police have been working on the case, and last night Chief Orr traced two sacks full of the plunder to Goodman's store. Before the brasses were delivered to Goodman, Chief Orr took them out, and took note of the numbers on them.

When Chief Orr went to the shop and began to search the building Goodman said if the Chief stated he had any brasses about the building he "told a dog gone mistake." A section was found saved out of the floor, and under this the brasses were discovered. He told the mayor this morning he had the brasses "honestly hid" under his floor.

The mayor fined him \$50 for keeping a junk shop without license, and bound him over to court in a bond of \$250, on the charge of concealing stolen goods.

Goodman said he bought the brasses from a negro whose name he did not know.

Later the police found he had shipped two boxes of brasses to Richmond via the Seaboard Air Line. The boxes were stopped at the depot and are in the possession of the police.

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## GO OUT OF BUSINESS

MEETING OF LOAN AND SAVINGS BANK STOCKHOLDERS TODAY.

Affairs of the Bank in Fine Condition—Craig Family Want to Withdraw Their Money, and Leave—The Meeting Entirely Harmonious.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Loan and Savings Bank in this city was held at noon Wednesday at their banking house on Tryon street.

Judge W. P. Bynum was chairman of the meeting. Nearly all the stock was represented at the meeting.

Mr. John E. Oates, president, made a written statement showing the condition of the bank, and most favorable and in excellent condition.